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### NEBRASKA CATTLE INVENTORY DOWN 3 PERCENT FROM A YEAR AGO

LINCOLN, Neb., February 1, 2002-All cattle and calves on hand January 1, 2002, in Nebraska totaled 6.4 million head, down 3 percent from a year ago and 4 percent from 2000 according to the USDA's Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. This is the fourth consecutive year of declining inventory and the smallest inventory since 1995.

All cows on hand January 1, at 2 million head, were 1 percent below last year and 2 percent below two years ago. The 2001 calf crop totaled 1.82 million head, down 1 percent from 2000 and 2 percent from 1999. Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in all feedlots on January 1 were 2.37 million head down 7 percent from last year and 3 percent from two years ago.

The number of cattle operations during 2001 in Nebraska totaled 26,000, down 1,000 from the previous year and 2,000 less than 1999. Operations with beef cows totaled 22,000, down 1,000 operations from both of the previous two years.

### U.S. CATTLE INVENTORY DOWN 1 PERCENT FROM A YEAR AGO

All cattle and calves on hand January 1, 2002, in the United States totaled 96.7 million head, down 1 percent from a year ago and 2 percent from 2000. This is the sixth consecutive year of declining inventory and the smallest inventory since 1991.

All cows on hand January 1, at 42.2 million head, were 1 percent below last year and two years ago. The 2001 calf crop totaled 38.3 million head, down 1 percent from both 2000 and 1999. Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in all feedlots on January 1 were 13.9 million head down 2 percent from last year and 1 percent from two years ago.

The number of cattle operations during 2001 in the U.S. totaled 1.05 million, down 2 percent from the previous year and 4 percent below 1999. Operations with beef cows were down 2 percent from 2000 and 4 percent below 1999.

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